

July - Around the District

Rotary International usually has more than one theme per month. One of the themes for July is Transition Month. July 1 brings leadership changes from the club level all the way to the president of Rotary International. Before we move forward into the new year, we need to celebrate the year that just concluded. **PDG Ed Boeve** and his District leadership team did a fantastic job in 2024-25. There were many very successful District events throughout the year. There were sessions of One Summit done at three locations, a well-attended Midterm in January at Hamline University, president-elect training, the Celebration of Clubs Picnic, and a fantastic Conference of Clubs.

Through our collective efforts, we have positively impacted tens of thousands of lives in our local communities and around the world. Of course, the real work to accomplish this is done at club level. I thank the leadership and members of every club in the District for their contributions towards 'Service Above Self'.

The transition to the new year is built upon the successes and continuity from the past. I know that 2025-26 will be a fantastic year for all our clubs. I look forward to my visits so I can learn more about the impact we are making on people's lives.

Moving forward, you will be hearing about at least one District project that I hope all our 55 clubs will participate in. Mark your calendars. Our next Conference of Clubs is scheduled for **April 17 and 18, 2026**.

I wish each of you a successful and impactful year.



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MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH
"A Mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."
The Rotary Foundation

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ROTARY TRANSITION MONTH
"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."
Winston Churchill
Rotary

Events

TASTE OF SUMMER FEST
JULY 15, AT THE RED BARN
4:30-8:30 FAMILY HOUR
5:00-9:00 GENERAL ADMISSION
SAMPLE THE BEST OFFERINGS FROM LOCAL CRAFT BEVERAGES, WINEMAKERS, DISTILLERS, AND CHEFS. BAKERS: BRING A SLICED-OR-LAWN CHAIR AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL FARM AND GREAT LIVE MUSIC!
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JOIN US FOR THE 23RD ANNUAL TASTE OF LAKEVILLE COMMUNITY EVENT AND FUNDRAISER
\$50 in advance, \$60 at the gate

A CELEBRATION OF FOOD & COMMUNITY
Join Lakeville Rotary for a fun 21+ night out! Enjoy local eats, wines & spirits, and dance to Atari—MN's top 80s band—all while supporting local businesses and nonprofits!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
5:00pm - 9:00pm
Lakeville Arts Center
20965 Holyoke Ave
Lakeville, MN 55044
For details, visit:
TasteOfLakeville.org

FOOD DRIVE
Bring food items, baby supplies, and/or household products to donate to 360 Communities.

DG Glenn Bowers

2025-2026 District Governor
Arden Hills-Shoreview Rotary Club
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District 5960 Shines at RI Convention in Calgary



It was an exciting time in Calgary at the RI Convention and there were a number of Rotarians from District 5960 in attendance and representing our district. Our district's very own LIFT program was featured in several ways at the conference. RAGCED (Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development) had added the **LIFT program** as one of their featured programs at their RAGCED booth in the House of Friendship. **Rick Heidick** was at the booth and was able to engage many Rotarians from around the world to explain the fundamentals of the LIFT program, network, and develop possibilities for collaboration. On Monday, June 23rd, RAGCED arranged a breakout session to present their four top CED programs, and the **LIFT program** was selected as



one of the four. Rick was able to present the **LIFT program** to a packed room of Rotarians interested in community economic development. [Read More](#)

Planning Ahead for Recognizing Literacy in September



District Literacy Team

The District Literacy Team encourages all of our clubs to take some time in the month of September to recognize our efforts to enhance literacy in our communities and across the globe. This is a good time to highlight your club's literacy project focusing on how to advance your goals. Alternatively, you can use a club meeting to:

- **Connect with your local school district. Recognize a teacher or a Reading Specialist or invite an administrator to speak.**
- Connect with your local library. Ask about programs we can support or invite a librarian to speak.
- **Connect with another club and invite them to feature their work in literacy.**
- Connect with a global grant project that focuses on literacy.

Use this month of connection and recognition to springboard into a year of activity supporting the much-needed work of improving literacy in our youth and the broader community. For additional speaker suggestions, you may reference the District's Literacy webpage ([click here](#)) or drop the District Team Lead, David Waldschmidt, an email at dwaldsch42@gmail.com.

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Your Rotary Legacy



Video Link: <https://youtu.be/eQTwrLx68Xo>

For more information on how your Rotary Legacy could enhance our service to humanity in District 5960, contact Tom Yuzer, PDG, at 951-805-4468 or tomyuzer63@gmail.com.

Celebrating a Champion of The Rotary Foundation: Tom Yuzer Honored with District Service Award



Ed Boeve, Tom Yuzer, Margie Horning, Ed Marek

At the 2025 District 5960 Celebration of Clubs Picnic, Margie Horning and District Governor Ed Boeve presented longtime Rotarian and Past District Governor, Tom Yuzer with the **District Service Award** in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to The Rotary Foundation and its mission of advancing world understanding and peace.

Tom Yuzer's Rotary journey is marked by more than three decades of passionate, sustained leadership focused on Foundation support and education. His commitment has

spanned every level of Rotary service—from club to district to international leadership roles. He has served as District Rotary Foundation Chair in two districts, an exceptional achievement, and one that underscores his deep dedication and impact.

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Congratulations Northfield Rotary Club, celebrating their 100th year milestone, June 2025.



A Gatsby Gilded Age theme dinner was held at the Great Hall on Carleton Campus which was also 100 years old. The Dave Miller Band played the tempo of the times. The hall was decorated Gatsby-style with plumes of feathers, pearls, chandeliers, etc. A delightful message was shown on video from our RI President Stephanie Urchick with her congratulations. Everyone stepped up in tails, gloves, canes and flapper dresses galore. Farewell last 100 years - Hello to the next 100 years!

Texas Disaster Relief

DISTRICT 5840 DISASTER RELIEF



#RotaryInAction

Rotary District 5840 is asking Rotarians across our Zone to **Unite for Good** in support of the Kerrville community, which has been devastated by historic flooding. The Guadalupe River surged to over 30 feet—well above its major flood stage—resulting in the tragic loss of lives and severe damage to homes and infrastructure.

Kerrville, home to two of District 5840's dedicated Rotary Clubs, is facing an overwhelming recovery effort. In response, District 5840 has activated its **501(c)(3) Foundation** to begin collecting **tax-deductible donations** to assist with disaster relief and long-term recovery. [Read More](#)

Save the Date - 2026 Conference of Clubs



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CONFERENCE OF CLUBS

APRIL 17 - 18, 2026
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
ST. PAUL EAST



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